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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I write to support the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case and to urge the judge in this matter to approve it. The agreement not only provides guarantees for computer manufacturers and information technology providers who want to use products that compete with Microsoft, but also establishes an unprecedented enforcement mechanism to deal with any complaints that Microsoft is engaging in anticompetitive behavior. I doubt any corporation in our nation's history has been subject to such strict competitive constraints.

Over \$30 million in taxpayers' money has been spent on this case, and no harm to the consumer has ever been proven. It is clear that the lawsuit was filed at the instigation of Microsoft's competitors, and I believe it has been not only a waste of money, but also a dangerous distraction to our nation and a hindrance to our economy.

Given all that is happening in the world and in our nation in this time of crisis and recession today, it is vitally important that our government focus on building for the future, not settling scores for business competitors.

I am certain that AOL Time Warner, Sun, Oracle and the other companies that have lobbied so hard to continue this litigation will make themselves heard, but I hope that our government will listen just as closely to the taxpayers and consumers who believe it is time to end this proceeding and get on with business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

